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PRICES OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the difference in prices of iron ore charged to domestic steel making companies with or without captive iron ore mines; and

(b) the production of steel by companies with or without captive iron ore mines and the cost of production per tonne of steel during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) As far as National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Steel & Orissa Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (one of the companies of Bird Group of Companies under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel) are concerned, the price charged for iron ore to domestic steel making companies with or without captive iron ore mines is same and no difference exists. This Ministry does not have data on iron ore prices charged by private mine owners.

(b) As per information furnished by Joint Plant Committee (JPC), total production of crude steel in the country during each of the last three years is given below:

Quantity in Million Tonnes

Sl.No.	Year	Production of crude steel
1.	2004-05	43.44
2.	2005-06	46.46
3.	2006-07 (P)	50.85

Disclosure of the cost of production per tonne of steel may not be in the commercial interests of steel producers, and hence this data is not available in the Ministry.